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## Garage alleviates congestion



Construction is underway for a multi-layer parking structure on the former soccer field on Kenton Drive. The first phase will be completed in fall of 2004, with more than 200 spots available to students.

Tony Redell / Photo Editor

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The first phase of construction is underway for a \$9.1 million, three-level parking garage that will create hundreds of new parking spaces for student vehicles at Northern Kentucky University.

The garage will be built in three phases. Initial construction began in mid-February. By fall 2004, over 200 parking spaces will be available to students.

The structure, designed by Champlin/Haupt Architects, Inc., will occupy the former soccer field on Kenton Drive. Henry Keene, university architect, said the garage should be complete by spring 2005, and will accommodate approximately 680 parking spaces, although more could be added in the future.

"The project does have a total build out capacity of up to 1,600 spaces, which would result from additional phases of the project, expanding the garage back toward I-275," Keene said.

Messer Construction is building the structure, which the architects designed to have "multiple linear light wells [that] separate the garage into five sections, allowing daylight to permeate all levels of the garage."

Architects from Champlin/Haupt were selected to design the structure because of previous work with NKU, including the new two-story power plant.

"They were selected by a selection committee, in a process managed by the state," said Mary Paula Schuh, director of campus planning.

"The university had two representatives on the selection committee, as is true for all of our projects."

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## SGA vote appealed

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The Student Government Association Judicial Council rejected an appeal on the legitimacy of the proposed SGA constitution Feb. 26, paving the way for the ratification process to continue this week.

Andy Hixson, vice president of public relations, filed an appeal with the Judicial Council Feb. 23 on the grounds that procedures at the Feb. 18 special SGA meeting violated the terms of its current constitution. He alleged that the proposed constitution was unlawfully passed because SGA President Chris Pace violated the current constitution by allowing a proxy vote and submitting his

own vote in the count. The judicial council said Feb. 26 that, "Hixson's arguments simply do not carry authority," according to its ruling, written by Chief Justice Dave Caddell.

"The reason that I filed that appeal is because it was done incorrectly," Hixson said. "Our bylaws say that Robert's Rules of Order guides our actions and our rules. Robert's Rules of Order does not recognize proxy votes, and Chris Pace allowed a proxy vote. That was my main basis for appeal. It never legitimately passed the senate."

*"I respect the decision, but I don't agree with it. There will be another appeal."*

-Andy Hixson

The ruling declined to address the issue of proxy votes and simply said that voting by proxy was not addressed in the SGA constitution or bylaws. It also held

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## NKU sees increase in applicants

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Northern Kentucky University is receiving a record-high amount of freshmen applications for fall 2004 and is on track to welcome the largest group of first-time freshmen in its history.

As of March 1, NKU had received 2,972 freshmen applications, which is an increase of over 26 percent from last year's total of 2,347 at the same point in the admission cycle, and 47 percent more than the 2,015 received at the same time in 2001.

"Based on the past four years, it is clear that there is momentum at Northern," said Joel Robinson, director of admissions. "People in new regions are starting to know who we are and the quality that NKU represents."

NKU is not alone in its admissions surge.

The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) found that 80 percent of public colleges nationwide reported an increase of applications received in 2003.

Last year, NKU received a total of 3,859 freshman applications. Robinson's goal this year is to receive at least 4,000 applications by the Aug. 1 deadline.

According to Robinson, 51 percent of NKU's freshmen applicants typically enroll.

## Freshmen applications as of March 1

Fall 2001  2015Fall 2002  2218Fall 2003  2347Fall 2004  2972

Mike Brennan / Illustrator

Taking this into account, Robinson hopes to welcome more than 2,000 new freshmen to NKU in fall 2004.

NKU brought in 2,003 first-time freshmen in fall 2003, the biggest freshman class to date. Robinson said that the likelihood of having to turn anyone away has not yet been determined.

Although the institution has capacity for more regular admission students, Robinson said admission for students with developmental, or remedial, needs is more restricted.

"We have a limited capacity at NKU for students with

developmental needs and may need to stop admitting students in this category at some point," Robinson said.

Robinson said that new recruiting strategies have played a major role in attracting more applicants.

These strategies include talking to students earlier in their high school career and informing them of NKU's benefits.

"We find that students are really attracted by NKU's strong and diverse academic offerings, small classes and safe and convenient location," Robinson said.

"In addition, new campus facilities, new scholarship initiatives and our learner-centered environment have attracted more students to Northern."

The university is also encouraging students to apply earlier in their senior year.

"We are communicating with prospective students more frequently than in the past through paper mail, e-mail and telecounseling phone calls," Robinson said.

According to NACAC, 72 percent of high school seniors See APPLICATIONS, page 3

The editorial board of *The Northerner* submitted an appeal of the proposed SGA constitution to the Dean of Students' office March 1. The board determined that Section 5, Article 1 of the proposal violates Kentucky open meetings law by permitting SGA to hold meetings closed to the public. A review of the appeal by the SGA judicial council was still pending at press time. For more information, read the staff editorial on page 4.



## Need help with your money?

With tax season fast approaching and tuition on the rise, college students need to be more financially fluent than ever. Get some tips for balancing your budget, starting a savings plan and becoming tax proficient.

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## campusreport

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## dpsreports

**MAR 1 2004**  
**Monday 8:20 p.m.**  
Classification: CONFISCATED  
CONTRABAND  
Location: UNIVERSITY SUITES  
Disposition: Under investigation  
Summary: Several items of drug contraband were confiscated from the listed location. The items were logged and secured in the DPS Property/Evidence Room.

**MAR 1 2004**  
**Monday 7:56 p.m.**  
Classification: UNWANTED  
SUBJECT IN ROOM  
Location: UNIVERSITY SUITES  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Female subject advised there was a male subject in her room that refused to leave. Male subject was escorted, by Officers, from the area.

**MAR 1 2004**  
**Monday 4:17 p.m.**  
Classification: MEDICAL  
RESPONSE - Squad  
Location: UNIVERSITY CENTER  
Disposition: Closed  
Summary: Medical assistance was requested for a subject at the listed location. Officers, the Campus Nurse, and the Central Campbell County Squad responded and checked the subject. The subject refused transportation to the hospital.

These are the latest reports as of our print deadline. For a full listing visit the DPS website at <http://access.uku.edu/dps>

## campusbriefs

## False alarm causes confusion, disrupts classes

A faulty smoke detector resulted in class disruption for many students in Business Education and Psychology Building on Monday, March 1. The fire alarm in B.E.P. sounded off at 3:44 p.m., 14 minutes after most students' 3:30 p.m. class. Department of Public Safety officers and the Central Campbell County Fire Department responded to the alarm and found no evidence of smoke or fire.

According to Officer Michael Nutini, the alarm was set off by a faulty smoke detector on the third floor mechanical room.

Students and faculty were permitted to reenter the building around 4:10 p.m., causing a 25-minute delay in class.

Candice Suttillier, who was in class when the fire alarm sounded, said her classmates and professor were confused when it went off.

After the class asked the professor what they should do, the professor told them to wait while he went down and asked the office.

Once he came back, Suttillier said he proceeded to tell the class they needed to evacuate the building.

Many students were confused as to what was going on while they were waiting outside.

## NKU takes day to celebrate history

NKU hosted the Northern Kentucky 11th Annual History Day Saturday, Feb. 28 to give visitors the opportunity to learn more about local history and historical events in America.

Held in the University Center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., several speakers gave lectures and conducted workshops concerning such topics as Civil Rights, genealogy and influential figures of the past.

Participants had the chance to learn from the experts, observing how to preserve family photos and documents, how to do oral history and how to incorporate family history in

the classroom among other things.

Presenters included many faculty and staff members from NKU, including Jim Ramage, Michael Adams, Eric Jackson, Michael Washington, Robert Vitz, Suzanne Deluca, Jim Claypool, Rodney Daniels, Jennifer Gregory, and Francois LeRoy.

The event was sponsored by The Historical Confederation of Kentucky and local area historical societies.

Some attendees traveled from out-of-state to be part of the day.

Jasmine Mason, who traveled from Goshen, Ohio, attended to discover more about her family history.

## nationalbriefs

## Marge Schott dies at age 75

Cincinnati Reds minority owner Marge Schott died Tuesday, March 2, at Cincinnati's Christ Hospital. Schott was the majority owner of the Reds from 1985 through 1999. During Schott's time as owner, the Reds won the 1990 World Series. Based on reports, Schott checked into Christ Hospital on Feb. 9 with complications from a cold.

## Haitian president flees amid riots

President Jean-Bertrand Aristide fled Haiti Feb. 29 following three weeks of rioting by Haitian insurgents. He claimed Mar. 1 that the United States military forced him to resign his position and leave the country. Aristide, the country's first elected president, had been accused of using police to terrorize Haitians, allowing drug trafficking, and of neglecting campaign promises to help the poor. Supreme Court Chief Justice Boniface Alexander will now take office, as stipulated in the Haitian constitution. The U.S. has sent several thousand troops to help calm the rebel forces in Haiti.

## Interim Iraqi constitution approved

Politicians in Iraq approved a temporary constitution that will establish a bill of rights and provide for a single chief executive, the Associated Press reported March 1. It incorporates elements of Islam and democratic principles, such as the protection of free speech, religious expression, assembly and due process, according to the AP. It also provides for the election of a Transitional National Assembly, which will draft a permanent constitution for Iraq. Power in Iraq will shift from American to Iraqi control June 30, pending the creation of a new Iraqi government.

## University to reject students

By Becky Bartindale  
and Kim Vo  
Knight Rider  
Newspapers  
(KRT)

The University of California next month will do something it has never done: reject some 3,200 high school seniors who meet all eligibility requirements for freshman admission.

But in April, the applicants will get a letter offering them admission to a UC campus as juniors if they attend a California community college first.

It is the first time the UC system has not been able to accommodate all the eligible freshmen since California adopted the Master Plan for Higher Education in 1960, said Susan Wilbur, director of undergraduate admissions for the UC system.

UC's plan to divert students applying for fall admission

devoids with the savings proposal made in January by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Struggling to close a budget gap, the governor called on UC and the California State University system to funnel 10 percent of incoming freshmen to the state's 108 community colleges. He also proposed waiving their community college fees and funding special academic advising to keep them on track for transfer.

Turning away qualified students who have taken all the required courses and worked hard to get into UC "is a very large disappointment," Wilbur said, adding she hopes it will only be temporary until the state's budget picture improves.

Policy experts said the idea is sound, but would work only if the state funds community colleges adequately so that the diverted students don't push out the traditional students

who attend the two-year schools.

Ramy El-Diwayi, 17, a senior at Saratoga High School, said it is an offer he would consider, especially if he could get an admission guarantee for one of the UC's most competitive schools, such as UC-Berkeley or UCLA.

The first two years of classes would probably be about the same at local community colleges and most UC campuses, he figures, so that would not be a problem. What people would miss is the experience of getting away from home, he said.

Ben Wachtel, a senior at Gunn High School in Palo Alto, also likes the idea of guaranteed admission to Berkeley or UCLA, but said he'd probably pass if he had to go to community college first.

"I'd rather get settled into school than move around," said Wachtel, 17. He said he worries that community colleges

wouldn't have the classes he needs for a molecular biology degree or the rigors to prepare him for the UC system.

Wilbur said she has no idea how many students will go for the deal. The tuition waiver may be an incentive, but UC eligible students often have many higher education options to choose from.

"If they are offered a guarantee at a specific campus it might have some attraction to kids," said Nancy Elliott, a college adviser at Palo Alto High School.

Eligible students who get rejection letters this month will be reconsidered for admission as juniors at all campuses to which they applied.

If none of their campuses of choice make them an offer, they will be offered admission as juniors to UC-Riverside or UC-Merced, set to open in fall 2005.

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By Allison Peryea  
The Seattle Times  
(KRT)

Randy Hodgins, the university's director of state relations, thinks the bill's language is too

Advocates of the bill say the Sept. 28 disturbance on the University District's Greek Row - involving hundreds of people - is only the most recent event in an ongoing parade of noise and violence in the area.

"We have dealt with anything

Rep. Ed Murray, D-Seattle, who introduced the bill, said, "This has been a problem for years, and the university has been unwilling to do anything." Murray's bill is supported by the Seattle Police Department and the city of Seattle.

"To attend the UW or other state universities is a privilege

Student representatives say the bill's guidelines are unclear and leave students uninformed about school expectations for off-campus behavior or the consequences of that behavior.

"How are we going to know if we are in a place that is 'proximate' to the campus when there are no definite boundaries?" asked Nate Caminos, a lobbyist for the Associated Students of the

"Once a student leaves campus, the school should have no jurisdiction," said Doug Honig, communications director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington. "If a law is broken, the police can take action."

Ernest Morris, UW vice president of student affairs, says the bill is unnecessary. The creation of "incident-prevention teams" — pairs of UW police officers that patrol the area north of campus — has cut down on noise and alcohol-related problems, he said.

code "would not have prevented the incident," said Tara Hendershott, president of the UW Panhellenic Association.

code to off-campus behavior that could be "detrimental to the university mission." Student conduct codes at Central Washington University and the UW do not apply beyond campus boundaries.

A parking permit for the 2003-2004 school year cost \$72.

"I don't think students should have to pay for parking at all, if we pay for the pass," Mbeli said.

Jed Grossman

"I don't think students should have to pay for parking at all, if we pay for the pass," Mbeli said.

"I think the judicial council,

"I don't think [the ruling] undermines anything," Pao said. "I think it's sour grapes."

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Justice's first name was incorrectly listed as Rog. He played Judas in NKU production of "Jesus Chr

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# SGA ethics an issue

## Flawed constitution was rushed through senate

STAFF EDITORIAL

The proposed Student Government Association constitution is an inherently flawed document that legislators tried to rush through the senate and are now trying to rush through to vote by the student body and the Board of Regents.

Its flaws include, but are not limited to the consolidation of SGA power over student organizations, the reduction of the influential executive board from five to three officers, and a meetings policy that defies Kentucky state law.

The Northerner has previously addressed the constitution's flaws, and legislators have revised the document multiple times to correct its legal and ethical errors.

It has also, however, left loopholes that could give SGA excessive and illegal power in the future.

The editorial board of The Northerner filed an appeal of the constitution Mar. 1 with the Dean of Students' office on the grounds that it violates Kentucky open meetings law.

The opinions of the editorial board are determined by a

majority vote among section editors and senior staff members.

The board determined that Article 5, Section 1 of the proposed constitution violates Kentucky open meetings law because it allows for a quorum or majority of SGA members to hold meetings that are closed to the public.

Kentucky open meetings law explicitly states that "the public quorum cannot meet in a session closed to the public, even if it does not plan to conduct business."

Although the constitution provides a convenient disclaimer that "Nothing in this constitution shall be construed... as to be in conflict with the federal or state law," the proposed meetings policy does exactly that.

When questioned on the discrepancy, SGA President Chris

Parsons offered the following explanation: "It's always been there."

For an administration that

claims as its goal to effect a positive change for students, that statement represents a painful dereliction of duty to students.

Could it logically be concluded, then, that the proposed constitution could hold a number of oversights and loopholes?

The most powerful student organization on campus has drafted and approved, in only two short months, a document that would change its structure and give it more influence over fellow student organizations and their funding structures.

It would like to slide these astronomical changes under the noses of the student body and the Board of Regents by pushing the document into a special student election that, though slated to take place this week, has not been publicized or even announced.

Should the student body or Board of Regents approve a document that was hastily revised and hurriedly presented

to the senate for a vote and contains material that, though questionable, "has always been there?"

Senators received the final draft of the document only 48 hours before the special student vote Feb. 26.

Although this adheres perfectly to SGA policy, one must wonder why more time for reflection was not given to voters on such a groundbreaking vote.

When it comes to student government, student involvement has historically been poor.

Only 348 students, approximately 2.4 percent of the student body, voted in the Nov. 12 and 13 SGA senate elections.

Perhaps, in failing to publicize a student body vote on such a revolutionary constitution, student legislators are hoping for a similarly low turnout this week in order to quietly pass a poorly thought-out document that will effect momentous change for years to come.

We may have many closed-door SGA meetings to look forward to in the future.

# npr

horse poll responses

Compiled by Mark Bennett

Do you think it is wise to spend money on a parking garage when tuition is on the rise?



Ashley Bickenhauer

"No. Tuition is high enough. It's pointless to pay for a parking pass and have to pay to park in a garage."



Elijah Smith

"Yes, tuition is not as expensive here as at other schools. Plus, we need more parking."



Lori Elliot

"No. We are all managing as it is."



Nick Wagner

"No. It's a useless expense and is really unnecessary."



Michaela Hayes

"No. I think we pay too much [tuition] as it is."

# Diet raises concerns

## Founder's health problems fuel dieters' doubts

By NEAL D. BARNARD  
(KRT)

The Atkins diet phenomenon has spread like a virus across North America, Europe and elsewhere. With tens of millions of people following Dr. Robert Atkins' lead into low-carb, high-fat, high-cholesterol diets, recent revelations about the diet doctor's own health have been an important wake-up call. But where does that leave dieters? Angry? Betrayed? Most are simply confused.

From a public-health standpoint, the stakes are enormous. After eight weeks on the Atkins diet, a 16-year-old Missouri girl died of a cardiac arrhythmia, as reported in the Southern Medical Journal. Judy Gorman of Delray Beach, Fla., went on the diet, only to find that his cholesterol level skyrocketed. He developed chest pain and needed urgent heart surgery.

Hundreds of other problems, both major and minor, have been reported. In 2001, the American Heart Association issued a warning that low-car-

bohydrate diets may lead to contribute to heart and kidney disease.

The diet's principal spokesman was Atkins himself, the controversial doctor whose 1972 book described how carbohydrate avoidance changed his own weight problem. As the Wall Street Journal explained, "Throughout his life, Dr. Atkins was the public face of the eating plan he espoused and often spoke publicly about his own eating habits and health."

Dr. Atkins discussed his medical history in media interviews, and after Dr. Atkins' death, the Atkins organization used details of his health condition as a key part of its marketing strategy. Atkins' Nutritional even posted details of Dr. Atkins' cardiac history on its Web site. It described his cardiomyopathy — a diseased heart muscle that he attributed to a viral infection — as well as a cardiac arrest that apparently occurred as a result. The Atkins site also described tests of Dr. Atkins' coronary arteries, saying he had an angiogram in April 2001 that

showed "normal" coronary arteries.

In a statement on April 25, 2002, Dr. Atkins' personal physician said this about Dr. Atkins: "Clearly, his own nutritional protocols have left him, at the age of 71, with an extraordinarily healthy cardiovascular system." In other words, not only was Dr. Atkins in great health, but he did it could take the credit for it.

Why was the Atkins company providing so much personal detail about Dr. Atkins' medical status? Because health organizations have cautioned Atkins dieters that high-fat, high-cholesterol foods can block their arteries. Atkins and his company have tried to persuade consumers to set those concerns aside.

Recently, a Nebraska physician obtained a copy of some medical examinations notes related to Dr. Atkins' death. These notes were not a hospital chart or an autopsy. The medical examiner simply weighed Atkins, inspected his external surfaces, and jotted down a few aspects of his history. However, some notes suggest-

ed that Dr. Atkins had heart problems beyond the viral cardiomyopathy to which he had admitted.

Then, on Feb. 10, Veronica Atkins confirmed that, in fact, her husband did have artery blockages. She said that Dr. Atkins "did have some progression of his coronary artery disease in the last three years of his life including some new blockage of a secondary artery that was remedied during this admission."

It is always a matter of concern when elements of an individual's medical history become a matter for public discussion.

In this case, Atkins and his company made a major issue of his health and exploited his seemingly robust cardiac status to spread a dangerous health message.

If the new revelations about Dr. Atkins' cardiac problems end the charade that fatty, high-cholesterol foods can give us an "extraordinarily healthy cardiovascular system" — and if that prevents further deaths and illnesses — then public health may have been served at last.

# Space scouts ineffective

KNIGHT  
RIDER/TRIBUNE NEWS  
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(KRT)

The following editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Monday, March 1:

Feel that breeze? Something just passed by. Good thing, too. This something was an asteroid.

And scientists were so worried about it in mid-January that they came within nine hours of calling President Bush.

The chance that a big asteroid will strike within any person's lifetime is exceedingly small.

But we ought to have something better in place than the current loose confederation of

scientists that is the main lookout.

About Jan. 13, that informal system — which relies on scientists' brains and cooperation, rather than an alert algorithm — didn't work too well.

Thanks to an asteroid named 2004 AS1, that system is being reviewed.

All sorts of astronomers are looking constantly at the sky. When someone discovers a new asteroid, he tells an outfit called the Minor Planet Center, located in Cambridge, Mass.

The MPC posts the discovery on the Internet and asks the scientific community to send in more observations.

Some space watchers discovered 2004 AS1. Other scientists took other measurements.

Seemed 2004 AS1 was about 30 meters wide — the size of a

yacht. It was traveling — whoa — traveling in an interesting trajectory.

Steven Chesley of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory sent an E-mail warning that the asteroid had a 1-in-4 chance of striking the Northern Hemisphere in a couple of days.

Skies were cloudy, and it was hard to get a fix. All the speculation was based on only four observations.

No one wanted to make a wrong call, inspiring needless panic among millions.

If a yacht-size asteroid hit the atmosphere broadside, though, it would produce a devastating mid-air explosion. Thousands could die.

For nine sweaty hours, astronomers Clark Chapman and David Morrison, chair of

the International Astronomical Union's Working Group on Near Earth Objects, considered getting on the line to the president.

In the end, some amateur sky jockey got an unclouded shot of 2004 AS1, and when, false alarm, don't call.

Little 2004 AS1 missed us by 7 million miles. Good thing. Turned out it was more like 500 meters wide.

So we ducked one high, tight, fastball. But we should — and can — do better next time.

We need a better system, probably an international system, of level-headed scientists who will place the call only when they see no other choice.

The story here was not of an asteroid that almost brought disaster, but of a phone call that almost did.

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# Money Management 101



With tax time and a possible tuition increase right around the corner, students need to budget

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Tax season is upon us, and many students are wondering where their hard-earned money has gone.

Students should know how to balance a budget, start a savings plan and understand the tax process.

## The Budget

People lead different lifestyles, and personalized budget plans help allocate money for individual needs. It is best to put a budget on paper or a computer database to track where money is going.

Budget plans require constant adjustments, according to Linda Marquis, department of accounting chair.

"If you budget to spend \$100 on car repairs and \$150 on clothes, recognize that these amounts are not equally manageable.

"If you have to spend \$175 to get the car repaired, then perhaps you will need to adjust the amount you have planned to spend on clothes."

Marquis suggests using a software package to track your spending.

Or use the "envelope method," where you place the budgeted amount into its designated envelope each pay period.

## Saving Money

"The worst way to save money is to have your employer withhold more money for taxes than is necessary," Marquis said.

Although you will have a bigger income tax refund, you have also given the government an interest-free loan for a year.

It is better to have your employer directly deposit a designated sum into your savings account because you will then receive all of the interest earned.

The secret to saving money is to automatically place a portion of your income into a hard-to-access place or account.

Try to carry less cash and leave credit and debit cards at home, as well.

Now is a good time to open a savings account. The amount saved could eventually become a down payment on a new car or home.

"Students should establish an ongoing savings plan. I know it is difficult for them to save, but a few dollars of savings per week will accumulate to a nice sum of money down the road," said finance lecturer Steve DeVeto.

"All students should have an understanding of their marginal tax bracket, and how savings

through qualified plans, such as IRAs and Employer Pension Plans, have a major impact on the growth of their savings account," he said.

## The Tax Process

Although the tax process is tedious, it is best to start now and file your taxes early.

After all, waiting until the last minute only prolongs the agony. The tax return preparation process can be started as soon as you have accumulated the necessary information, according to Marquis.

The faster you file your taxes, the faster you will receive your refund.

*"Don't procrastinate: It is more difficult and expensive to get help [with taxes] at the last minute"*

Linda Marquis While many wait until they receive their W-2 forms to begin filing taxes, you can begin the process with your last pay stub of the year, Marquis said.

"Don't procrastinate, it is more difficult and expensive to get help at the last minute," she said.

Be sure to review your W-4s to determine how much is being withheld from your pay check said DeVeto.

Traditional students (with little income, no dependents, and no itemized deductions) should

be able to fill out the EZ version of the tax forms with no professional help, Marquis said.

For students with more complicated returns, Marquis recommends purchasing tax software or hiring a Certified Public Accountant.

An advantage of filing your own taxes is that you understand the flow of the return and how it all ties together.

Tax planning should be continuous throughout the year, however. Check your pay stubs for your withholdings.

"Personal decisions are not always made based on the tax implications, but you should know what will be the tax impact of your decisions," Marquis said.

## Getting Help

NKU offers classes to assist students in making wise financial decisions, now and in the future.

Personal Finance Planning (FIN 205) teaches useful life skills, including checking and savings accounts, retirement planning, insurance awareness, and stocks and bonds expertise.

BUS 230, Legal Environment of Business, exposes students to legal concepts, including contracts, product and property law, and employment law.

And don't forget, taxes are due April 15!

For more information on money management, visit one of these resources:

## Debt Advice

[www.debtadvice.org](http://www.debtadvice.org)  
Sponsored by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, where and when to get help with your finances.

## Quicken

[www.quicken.com](http://www.quicken.com)  
Makers of some of the most popular tax and budgeting software.

## Personal Money Management

[www.personalmoneymgmt.com](http://www.personalmoneymgmt.com)  
Free site with articles and links.

## Money Advise

[www.moneyadvise.com](http://www.moneyadvise.com)  
Download a free household budget worksheet and learn to use it.

Mike Brennan / Illustrator

# Student radio makes strides, noise

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Absurd humor, fresh ideas, fun people and a variety of music don't mimic the top 40 radio stations: It's a fun job, but someone's gotta do it.

WRFN "The Edge," NKU's student-run radio station, is a happening place. During the week, any time between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., the cramped studio in University Center 215 is buzzing with music, mayhem, and merriment.

"We want to be heard," said Josh Estep, program director and disc jockey.

And despite the fun, there is a lot involved in running the first "real" student radio station to grace NKU's program list in almost five years.

When Estep arrived on the scene a few years ago, WRFN was practically nonexistent.

The station began airing last semester via speakers broadcast casting music in the University Center Wiring the speakers cost a hefty bundle, nearly \$2,000.

"Funding is a huge problem," according to DJ Nick Greenwald. The station receives only about \$2,000 per year in funding. But that's much more than they had before, because was zick.

"We appreciate what [funding] we have," said radio program adviser Chris Strobel.

"We can make do with what we have, but more money would be helpful," Estep said. "We could do much better programming."

Although Strobel helps out, the station is completely student run, primarily by volunteers.

It's a job for "people who love radio," Strobel said.

It's a challenge to keep people "who are willing to work hard," according to Greenwald.

Though these students have brought the station very far – from not existing, to airing in UC's Cafeteria, Student Lounge, and Student Involvement Center – they also have a long way to go.

The station's immediate goal is to provide access to live shows via the Internet by the end of the semester, through a process called stream casting.

Right now, only recorded shows can be posted on the Internet. You can find the shows at [www.life365.com](http://www.life365.com).

And the big problem: "We have no tower," assistant DJ Shiloh Kitz, freshman, said.

So the station's most ambi-

tious goal is to get a transmitter and be on the air for real, not just wired to speakers in the UC.

"Once we start transmitting, it will get more organized: I hope," Greenwald said.

The station has a loose, relaxed arrangement for now. But once the programming develops, they want to see the station become more organized and structured.

Most of the shows don't have a general format, such as country or hip-hop music. The DJ plays whatever music he or she has an itch to play.

But the student producers want more students to participate in the program, by listening and responding with calls or e-mails.

"We don't actually like picking up the sat," said DJ Will Johnson. "We prefer it if people told us what they wanted to hear. We encourage calls, even pranks."

However they only interrupt a song to put you on the air if you're highly amusing.

The students are also looking for a better variety of programming, such as talk shows and news. However, a new program can't form until students volun-

teer their time and step forward to make the program happen.

Most of the students would like to have a better variety of shows on the air, such as a talk show or a news program.

For now, the only shows are music, with an occasional spontaneous interlude from the DJ.

But they seem to have a good crew now. Everyone is having fun, and they're committed to the blooming station.

Friendships have sprung from the soil of creativity surrounding the station.

You can feel the energy when you walk past the open door of UC 215 (because they don't have any walls and have to keep the doors open to breathe).

Greenwald said he sometimes worries about the fate of the station once he and other senior members leave.

After all, he practically created the station out of thin air.

But I don't think he has to worry. The new seeds of ambition are already taking root with a host of vibrant, new talent.

The students have to love it: that's what they're there for.

And things like that don't die. If you're interested in joining WRFN, just stop by room 215 in UC, or call (859) 572-1800. You can also mail Estep at [estepj@nku.edu](mailto:estepj@nku.edu). Or, hey, just make a song request.



Tony Redell / Photo Editor

DJ Nick Greenwald gets ready to throw on some tunes during his show with DJ Shiloh. The show plays classic rock, airing 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and 10 to 12:30 Tuesday and Thursday.

# campuscalendar

## wednesday

- Faculty begins submitting mid-term grades for freshmen.
- The Delta Sigma Theta Herstory Bowl will be at 7:13 p.m. in Norse Commons.
- A Norse Visitation Day will be from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Steady Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.
- Cincinnati Herpetological Society Conference, 7 to 10 p.m. in Old Science 521.
- Irish Culture Film Series presents "Ulysses" at 6:30 p.m. in Landrum 403. This event is free and open to everyone.
- Give Yourself Some Credit: College Credit for Prior Learning Session is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in UC 108.

## thursday

- Jazz Ensemble Concert at 8 p.m. in Greaves Hall.
- Master Advisor Workshop from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in Steady Library 235. Please RSVP to Jackie Rowe at rowe@nku.edu or by calling 572-6901.
- Women's Studies Awards Banquet to recognize winners of the Women's Studies Program Annual Writing and Art Contest with cash awards is from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom. Reservations are required. Call 572-5550.
- Small Business Legal Issues Seminar in BEP 461 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call 572-6524 or email hankaj@nku.edu for more details.

## friday

- A Norse Visitation Day will be from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Steady Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.

## saturday

- Delta Sigma Theta is sponsoring an International Day of Service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- A Norse Visitation Day will be from 12:45 p.m. to 3 p.m. in the Steady Library Welcome Center. Reservations are required with Maribeth Carskadon at 572-1400.
- Re-Careering by Chance or Choice Seminar from 9 a.m. to noon in the University Center. Call the Career Development Center at 572-5680 for more details.

## sunday

- Northern Ky. Fly Fishers fly-tying classes from 9 a.m. to noon in the Applied Science & Technology building 254.

## monday

- Spring Break until March 13. The University is open, but no classes.

## tuesday

- Residual ACT from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Landrum 110.

# Open house to attract grads

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The Office of Graduate Programs will sponsor an open house on Wed. March 17 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.

The program is for graduating students who are interested in continuing their education with a master's degree in one of NKU's offered programs, according to Brenda Siepmann, recruiter in the office of graduate programs.

The master's degree is designed to "advance your knowledge base and increase (your) potential in getting a job," Siepmann said.

"(They are) very focused and specialized," Siepmann said. "This is an informal event where program representatives and directors will be present to speak with students."

There will be two new master's programs included: Industrial/Organizational Psychology (MSI-O), and Liberal Arts (MALS), which is still pending final approval.

At the open house,

brochures will be handed out with the admission requirements for the programs.

Students must apply and be accepted to the program to begin the degree.

The average graduate program consists of 30 to 36 semester hours.

Students can choose either part-time or full-time enrollment and begin the program during any regularly scheduled semester.

Students can apply for a graduate programs at the open house.

There also will be representatives present from the Office of Admissions and the Office of Financial Aid to help with the process.

Applications are also available online at [grad-school.nku.edu](http://grad-school.nku.edu).

1.8 million students are enrolled in master's programs in the United States, according to Carole Beere, the Associate Provost for Outreach and Dean of Graduate School.

There are no reservations required.

However, to save time or to get the chance to talk one-on-one with a program director, you can make a reservation by calling (859) 572-1555.

## Graduate Programs at NKU

### New:

- Industrial-Organizational Psychology (MSI-O)
- Liberal Arts (MALS) (still pending)

### Available Now:

- Accountancy (MACC)
- Business Administration (MBA)
- Computer Science (MSCS)
- Education (MAED)
- Information Systems (MSIS)
- Nursing (MSN)
- Public Administration (MPA)
- Teaching (MAT)
- Technology (MST)
- Juris Doctor/Master of Business Administration (JD/MBA)

## In conjunction with the University of Kentucky:

- Social Work (MSW)
- Library Science (MSLS)

For more information, contact the appropriate department

## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Passion' is powerful, poignant

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"The Passion of Christ" finally arrived in theaters Wednesday, Feb. 25, and it is worth paying \$7 to enjoy every riveting minute.

People now have a chance to see what this controversial film is all about, instead of entrusting the judgment to critics.

The film generated a buzz long before its release. It was controversy incarnate.

People accused the film of promoting anti-Semitism. People said it was too graphic and gruesome, and that it was Mel Gibson's way of trying to stir up feelings about a subject that no one seems to want to discuss — religion.

In today's society, producing a film about Jesus Christ is a bold move. Gibson, who directed and produced the film and wrote the screenplay, took that chance and, in the end, produced one of the most passionate, thought provoking films I have ever seen.

Gibson, with the help of Benedict Fitzgerald, adapted the film from four books in the Bible: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The film chronicles the last 12 hours of Jesus' life.

It was filmed in Italy, but the



James Caviezel (center) portrays Jesus in Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ." This scene is of the Last Supper with Jesus and his disciples.

most amazing aspect is that not one word of English is spoken in the film: all dialogue takes place in Aramaic and Latin.

But not let subtitles hold you back from seeing this astounding movie. Not using English only adds to the power of the affair on screen.

James Caviezel ("Frequency," "The Thin Red Line") portrays Jesus in the

film. Interestingly, an article in the Post stated that Caviezel had always wanted to play comedic roles.

This role was anything but comedic. Yet the seriousness and sensitivity of the role did not to hold Caviezel back from performing with an intensity that went unparalleled.

He speaks little throughout the film, but no articulation of

speech is needed to reveal the depth of his emotions. His eyes burn through your soul, empowering you to embrace whatever belief you may hold.

Even when he is beaten and turned into a blood-soaked martyr, those eyes still speak their will and call to you. I cannot deny that the film is extremely good.

Your stomach will churn as

Jesus is bloodied and crucified, but it is necessary to make you understand what Christ did for his followers. No other movie has portrayed his sacrifice so convincingly.

The film leaves the audience drained of emotions with its touching interpretation of Christ's death.

The greatness of the film is balanced with flashbacks of

Christ's life.

Even while Jesus is being crucified (which is shown in its entirety, including the nails being pounded into his hands and feet), Gibson takes some of the strain of the graphic death by revealing how Christ lived.

It only gives the audience a reason to love him more.

Even with the flashbacks, audience members could be seen lowering their heads and wiping their eyes.

While the story itself was the tear-jerker, the music was the perfect complement.

Without the music, "The Passion of Christ" would not have been as rich an interpretation of Jesus' last day on earth.

One part I did not enjoy was the incorporation of Satan. Throughout the film Satan could be seen walking through the crowd. I felt it unnecessary to constantly see this character.

Seeing Satan everywhere made me think, at one point, that this was a movie for Hollywood, not, as Gibson has said, for himself.

In the end, "The Passion of the Christ" is one of the most poignant and powerful movies ever shown on the big screen.

Not because it's about religion, simply because it is a wonderful movie.

## MUSIC REVIEW

# NKU student band gains fame in indie scene

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Northern Kentucky University's Indie rock trio "Abigail" has more than earned its dues, according to NKU sophomore Jay Hays, who doubles as the band's lead singer and guitarist.

Abigail, which recently received the honor of opening for metal heroes Dillinger Escape Plan on March 6 at Radio Down, has worked its way up the totem pole of Northern Kentucky bands since its inception three years ago.

"I think this is recognition for the hard work our band has put into the scene this past year and

a half," Hays said.

"We have helped touring bands coming through Cincinnati, we have helped clubs out, and we have never really complained."

Take a quick look around at any of Abigail's shows and it is easy to understand how far the band has come.

They started playing in front of small crowds at various church festivals just two years ago.

But now the band's buzz has caused the attendance at their live shows to boost and brought a healthy following out from the woods.

Recently, more than 170 fans showed up to watch Abigail's intense live show, during a local

showcase at Radio Down that featured Mint 6 Ten along with Abigail.

Junior Nick Wagner's incessant pounding on the skins drove the crowd.

Hays' poured emotional lyrics from his lips.

All the while, sophomore bassist Tom Ryan took in the scene nonchalantly from stage, barely swaying to the music as the band made its way through a half-hour set.

The band recently sold out of its second release, "The

Saltwater E.P. Abigail has made great strides.

*"Things are really turning around for Cincinnati's punk scene — in a good way."*

Jay Hays along with

being full-time students, all work 20 hours a week at various jobs.

They need the money to help cover the cost of recording and repairing damage to equipment.

"It definitely teaches you how to be responsible," said Hays. (Responsible not being an expected description of a band's life lessons.)

"Things are really turning around for Cincinnati's punk scene — in a good way," said Hays.

"If we keep it up, and the scene keeps getting better, and some major labels start paying attention to the area, I hope to see us get picked up by one of them."

If things don't work out, Hays said that he wasn't going to stop school or stop thinking about a career.

One thing is certain: Abigail has enjoyed a higher level of prominence since its first tour

this summer.

Abigail will appear at Radio Down in Covington, Ky. on Saturday, March 6 with Dillinger Escape Plan and Cincinnati hardcore/punk band Death Through Adm.

The show starts at 8 p.m. and the cost is \$10.

Adam Rosing is the head writer for [www.cincyunk.com](http://www.cincyunk.com), formerly [www.cincyunk.com](http://www.cincyunk.com).

The site recently returned to the local music scene on Feb. 7, 2004 after being down since Nov. 30, 2003.

To check out more of his reviews, interviews, articles, and photographs go [www.cincyunk.net](http://www.cincyunk.net).

ACADEMY AWARDS

'Rings' wins  
11 awards,  
ties record

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The 76th Annual Academy Awards ceremony was held on Feb. 29 in Los Angeles. "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" was a big winner, receiving a total of 11 awards. "Lord of the Rings" now ties "Titanic" and "Ben Hur" for most wins.

Here are some of the categories and winners:

• Best Actor – Sean Penn "Mystic River"

• Best Supporting Actor – Tim Robbins "Mystic River"

• Best Actress – Charlize

Theron "Monster"

• Best Supporting Actress – Renée Zellweger "Cold Mountain"

• Best Director – Peter Jackson "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

• Best Picture – "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

• Best Adapted Screenplay – "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"

• Best Original Screenplay – "Lost In Translation" Sofia Coppola

"King" also received top honors for Art Direction, Costume Design, Film Editing, Makeup, Music (both original score and original song), Sound Mixing, and Visual Effects.

Source: www.oscar.com

MUSIC REVIEW

British teen is next big thing to hit music scene

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Spit out the bubble gum pop of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, there's a new voice in town.

Joss Stone, Britain's newest export, has steered clear of the pop clutter and hopped onto the soul train.

Stone, 16, was in the process of recording her first album in England when U.S.-based S-Curve Records snatched her up.

Stone temporarily stopped recording her own original songs and came to the U.S. in pursuit of a music career.

After only four days of recording, Stone finished her debut album "The Soul Sessions."

The album showcases a sultry, soulful sound that you wouldn't expect from a teen breaking fresh into the music business.

The release is a collection of cover songs.

Stone chose the songs of artists from whom she draws musical inspiration.

Stone adds a fresh, young vibe to the song "All the Kings Horses," originally written and performed by Aretha Franklin.

And on the funky John Ellson song "Some Kind of Wonderful," Stone makes the

song her own by putting a fun twist on the classic tune.

In the mix of classic songs, the final track on to Stone's debut album is the contemporary "Tell in Love with a Boy."

The song, originally titled "Tell in Love with a Girl," was recently written and recorded by the White Stripes.

When the record hit the shelves, Stone was sent into a whirlwind press tour.

She appeared on "The Late Show with David Letterman," "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Last Call with Carson Daly," and "The Ellen Degeneres Show."

She has also been the topic of MTV's special "Music Stars of

Tomorrow."

Most recently, Stone was featured in "Elle" magazine in the "Women of the Verge" section.

The issue is on newsstands now.

Meanwhile, the album continues to climb the charts.

This week the album landed at number 71, up from 121 last week.

The video for Stone's first single has been added to regular rotation on MTV and VH1.

Stone plans to release her next album, comprised of her own music, sometime this year.

For more information and upcoming appearances, visit [www.jossstone.com](http://www.jossstone.com).

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Chipotle offers tons of cheap, tasty Mexican food

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"Two things, thousands of ways" is a catch phrase developed by Chipotle to market its limited menu, but vast array of food.

That's no lie.

The success of Chipotle stemmed from two popular Mexican favorites – the taco and the burrito – taken to the next level.

There are eight Chipotle restaurants in the Cincinnati area. The only one you'll find

in Kentucky is on University of Kentucky's campus.

The most accessible for NKU students is near the University of Cincinnati at 2507 W. Clifton Avenue. There are other locations in Kenwood and Hyde Park. My team of masticators chose the Clifton locale.

The atmosphere is young, cool and casual. According to its Web site, "...polished steel tables and blonde wood chairs stand under alien space-space dockwork. Mayan glyphs and gothic trashcans mix with leather stools and red concrete floors."

Better than I could explain it.

However, they only offer two foods: tacos and burritos.

You can choose from seasoned pork, spicy shredded beef, chicken or steak as the main ingredient. They also offer vegetarian choices.

Burritos come made to order, as do the set of three tacos in soft or crunchy shells.

I had the steak burrito. The burritos are huge (about eight inches long and four inches in diameter). They'll leave an amateur "burrito eater" with a lap full of toppings.

Fortunately for me, I've mowed down many burritos in my day. The ciliantro-time flav-

ored rice cooled off the spiciness.

It definitely made for a party in my mouth.

Masticator LP tried the tacos. "I wanted to try a burrito, but my virgin mouth couldn't handle anything that big."

"The tacos were way better than the dog food that Taco Bell serves. Only if this place stayed open until the bars closed..." she explained.

My pudgy masticator Big Boy was surprised to see a low-carb alternative on their menu.

"I thought I had to break my diet tonight, but they offer a burrito in a bowl and replace

Location: 2507 W. Clifton Ave, University Heights

Food: Gourmet tacos and burritos

Price range: \$4.00 -- \$6.00

the rice with lettuce. I was still able to eat like a pig, but I'm losing weight at the same time. Only in America."

The prices are unbeatable, with nothing over \$6. Start searching your couch for change and save up for an extraordinary Mexican meal.

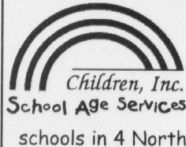
They do offer bottled beer to wash down your meal, but the

best choice is the margarita. For only \$3.50, it packs a punch. After two, you'll be stumbling through the streets of Clifton.

So the next time you're in Clifton, be sure to stop by and try one of the best meal deals around.

Visit [www.chipotle.com](http://www.chipotle.com) for more information.

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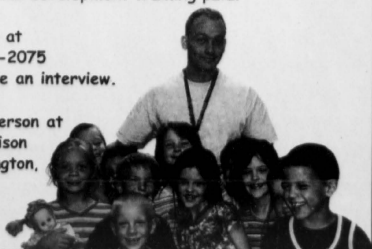
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## Sports Scene

## Norse lose to Wesleyan in final regular season game



## Are players juiced?

Can you put the names of Mark McGwire, Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Sammy Sosa in the same group with names such as Babe Ruth, Hank Aaron, Lou Gehrig and Mickey Mantle?

Until recently you would have to say, "Of course." Baseball players of the past are nearly incomparable to the baseball players of today.

Baseball players now have better workout regimens, more time to work on their technique, and better ways of evaluating how to improve.

Baseball players in the past were lucky if they got to work out with weights. They sometimes had to take off-season jobs to keep money coming in, and the idea of watching tape to improve your technique was almost never done.

The size and stature of pre-game players is noticeably different from others throughout history.

For example, when heavy hitting Jimmie Fox was a member of the Philadelphia Athletics in 1932 he hit 58 home runs and had 169 RBI. Fox was considered a man of sizeable stature, and was given the intimidating nickname, "The Beast." Fox stood at exactly six foot tall and weighed 195 pounds.

So compared to today's standards, who would you most expect to measure up to Fox's size and stature?

Barry Bonds?  
Jason Giambi?  
Vladimir Guerrero?  
How about the starting shortstop for the Cincinnati Reds, Barry Larkin?

That's right, Barry Larkin. Larkin is six foot tall and 190 pounds. Five pounds less than Fox.

Can you imagine Larkin being known as a "Beast" because of his size?

If anything, Larkin is known for his speed and agility, something that is rare among today's bigger players.

There is another reason you can't compare present players with past players: illegal substances.

Major League Baseball players use steroids and other illegal substances in order to enhance their performance on the field.

The question is, how on earth does baseball fit this problem, and do the fans even care?

As a lifelong baseball fan, I do care about what is going on in the game and how things get done.

I don't want to see records illegally broken. It puts a negative light on the history of the game and tarnishes the memory of the players who first set the records based on nothing but raw talent.

If I were a casual baseball fan, one who went to the ballpark to see home runs and high scoring games, I probably wouldn't be so offended.

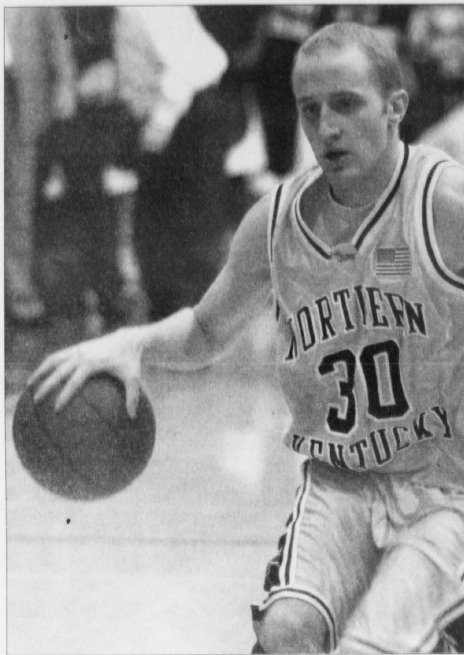
I would probably be saying that as long as it's entertaining and my body isn't being harmed, then who cares what the players choose to do?

Baseball must make a stand. They must put an end to the use of illegal substances, or they must give players precautions about the drugs and let them make decisions on their own.

I hope it's the former.

Barry Larkin a beast? You have to be kidding me.

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Junior Sean Rowland enjoyed a successful season as starting point guard for the Norse.

## Men finish in seventh place

OWENSBORO, Ky. - Eric Freeman scored 21 points and grabbed 11 rebounds Saturday as Kentucky Wesleyan College posted an 87-66 win over Northern Kentucky University in the Owensboro Sportscenter. Craig Schoen added 18 points and nine assists as Kentucky Wesleyan (19-7 overall, 14-4 Great Lakes Valley Conference) led the entire game.

Freeman scored five points in the first three minutes as the Panthers jumped out to a 13-0 lead, and Kentucky Wesleyan eventually built a 28-9 advantage with 9:51 remaining in the first half.

"Kentucky Wesleyan is the best team in the GLVC right now and they are playing tremendous basketball," NKU head coach Ken Shields said.

"They have a great chance to get back to the Elite Eight if they continue to play like this."

Jesse Rupp rallied NKU by scoring 15 of his 17 points before halftime as the Norse cut the Kentucky

Wesleyan lead to 47-38 at the break.

After NKU pulled within 54-48 on a jumper by Kevin Reinhardt with 16:52 left in the game, Wesleyan used a 13-6 spurt to build a 67-54 lead.

Wesleyan proceeded to go on a 16-0 run to build an 83-56 lead with 6:15 left on the clock and rolled to the victory.

"Freeman was tremendous, and Craig Schoen did a great job directing Kentucky Wesleyan at the point," Shields said.

Reinhardt finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds for NKU, which dropped to 16-14 overall, 9-11 in the GLVC.

Mike Kelsey added 12 points for the Norse, who shot 39.4 percent from the field.

Franklyn Ferguson finished

with 14 points for Kentucky Wesleyan, which made 54.8 percent of its shots from the field.

The Panthers also connected on 13-of-24 shots from three-point range, including 8-for-12 shooting from long distance in the second half.

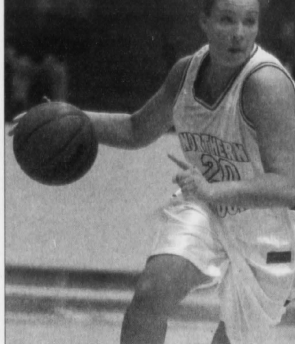
NKU finished in seventh place in the GLVC regular-season standings, and the Norse will be the No. 7 seed in the GLVC Tournament next week at Evansville, Ind.

NKU will meet No. 2 seed University of Southern Indiana at 9:30 p.m. this Friday night in the first round at Roberts Stadium.

NKU and Southern Indiana split in the regular season, with each team winning at home.

The Screaming Eagles enter the GLVC Tournament with a 22-5 overall record.

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Tim Downer / Assistant Photo Editor  
Elizabeth Burrows hopes to lead the Norse to a strong finish.

## Freshman stars in win

Creager scores career-high 22 points as Lady Norse win regular season finale

OWENSBORO, Ky. - win against the Norse in a career-high 22 points Saturday as the Northern Kentucky University women's basketball team defeated Kentucky Wesleyan College, 81-64, in the Owensboro Sportscenter.

Creager, a freshman guard who made seven of her eight shots from the field, also added five rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots as NKU improved its record to 17-9.

Connie Myers finished with 11 points for the Norse, who closed out its Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season schedule with a 12-8 record.

"It was nice to see Karyn score like that and play aggressively on offense," said NKU head coach Nancy Winstead.

"I told the players there is a certain level of play we need to reach, and hopefully we will get there before the season ends."

NKU shot 51.9 percent from the field in the first half and built a 38-25 lead at the break.

The Norse also held Kentucky Wesleyan (5-22 overall, 2-18 GLVC) to 32 percent shooting from the field in the opening 20 minutes.

NKU led by as many as 23 points in the second half and defeated Kentucky Wesleyan for the 13th consecutive time.

Kentucky Wesleyan has not beaten NKU since Jan. 31, 1998, when the Panthers pulled out a 74-72 overtime

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## Golf begins with high hopes

Keyer-Scott looks to lead women's team; Four region qualifiers return to men's team

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The Northern Kentucky men's and women's golf teams both enter the spring season with high expectations after a successful fall season.

Coach Daryl Landrum is in his eighth year as coach for both teams.

His wife Becky returns as an assistant.

The men's spring season kicks off Tuesday, March 9 at Melbourne Beach in Melbourne, Florida against the Florida Institute of Technology and Minnesota State.

Four golfers who qualified for last season's NCAA Division II Regional Tournament return: seniors Brandon Parsons and Glenn Davidson, junior

Curtis Phelps, and sophomore Jerod Cahill.

Cahill had a good fall season, including finishing as medalist at the NKU Invitational in September.

"I think we have the potential to go to the NCAA Regional Tournament again," Landrum said.

"I think we beat people with consistency. We've got about seven guys on the team who can all shoot under 75."

Landrum also believes newcomer David Shearer from Chautauque, Michigan will be a valuable asset; not only this season, but in the future.

"He's a great player; he knows how to play in bad weather," Landrum said. "He's going to help us for a long time. He's a future All-American."

The women enter the spring atop the GLVC team standings.

They began their season February 28 at the Florida Southern Invitational Tournament at Cleveland Heights in Lakeland, Florida.

They compete against other top schools such as Florida Tech, Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, and Florida Southern College, which is hosting the tournament.

Going into the spring, the women are one of four GLVC teams ranked in the National Top 20.

The University of Southern Indiana, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, and the University of Indianapolis are the other ranked

schools that will be competing with the Lady Norse for top billing in the conference.

NKU has three returning regional qualifiers.

The qualifiers are senior Nicole Weber, junior Lindsay Newton, and two-time All-American junior Kim Keyer-Scott.

Keyer-Scott enters the spring with the second-lowest scoring average in Women's NCAA Division II Golf.

She captured medalist honors at the GLVC Championships in October.

The women host the NKU Invitational March 27-28 at Perry Park.

The NCAA Regional Tournaments begin on May 3 at Ferris State for the women, and May 2 at Lansing Pointe for the men.



# hotseat



with John Rasp

This week, John sits down with Norse guard Steve Purdon. Purdon is in his first basketball season at NKU after transferring from Union College. He finished the season averaging 10.9 points per game and shooting 40 percent from behind the three point line.

**John Rasp:** How hard was the transition from NAIA to division II?  
**Steve Purdon:** It wasn't too hard. It's more competitive and the competition was higher. But other than that, it wasn't that hard at all.

**JR:** Fact or Fiction: It takes you longer to gel your hair then to put on your uniform?  
**SP:** Fiction.

**JR:** How did you get the nickname "Clubbin' Steve"?  
**SP:** My redshirt year when the guys would go out of town. I would go out downtown. They would ask me what I did when they got back, and I told them I went to a club. That is when Clubbin' Steve came alive.

**JR:** Jesse Rupe said in a previous hot seat article that you were "Mr. GQ."  
**Do you have any comments about this?**  
**SP:** No, not really. I guess it was a compliment, so I'll just take it as a compliment.

**JR:** Have you ever thought about spotting up from half court in a game?  
**SP:** I've thought about it, but I'd never do it. I think the max I've ever shot here was about from 30 feet.

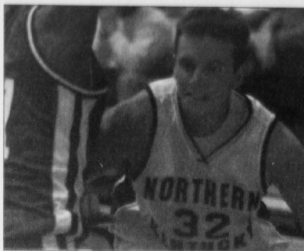
**JR:** In high school and college you've always had the number 32.  
**What's the significance of this number?**  
**SP:** It was my dad's number in high school.

I've tried to keep it wherever I've gone.  
**JR:** Have you been dunked on by someone yet this year?  
**SP:** This year, fortunately, no. I don't go in the lane much. I stay way out.

**JR:** It's hard to get dunked on from the three-point line.  
**SP:** Adam Howell.

**JR:** What NKU player plays the most trash in practice?  
**SP:** Sean Rowland because of his big nose and his receding hairline.

**JR:** Who are the five best pure shooters in the GLVC?  
**SP:** You got to put Kelsey in there. I don't really know.



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Steve Purdon has stepped into a starting role for the Norse

## GLVC Basketball Tournament

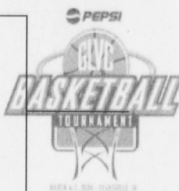
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- #5 SIU Edwardsville

- #8 Quincy
- #1 Lewis

- #3 Kentucky Wesleyan
- #6 St. Joseph's

- #7 Northern Kentucky
- #2 Southern Indiana



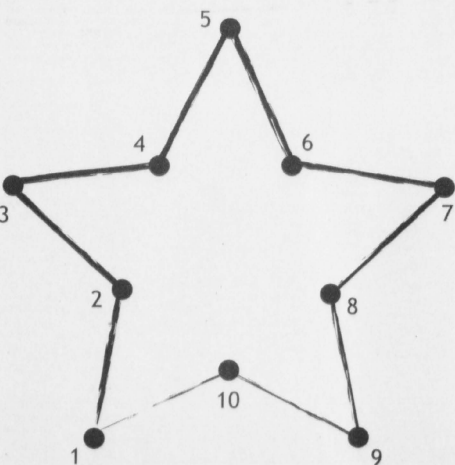
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- #6 Northern Kentucky

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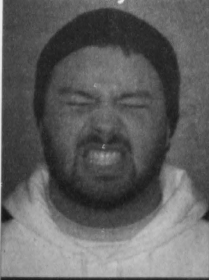


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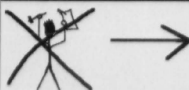
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